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SUBJECT: JAPAN FM STATEMENT SUPPORTS OUTCOME OF RECENT  
GEORGIA TALKS

On Nov. 20, Japanese Foreign Minister Hirofumi Nakasone issued a statement of support for the international talks on Georgia:

"The Government of Japan welcomes that certain progress was seen at the occasion of the second International Discussions on Georgia which was held in Geneva on November 19 through constructive attitudes made by all the participants.

It is a positive step towards a resolution of the issues in the region that direct talks by the parties concerned have taken place for the first time after the conflict in August and that there were productive discussions on issues such as incident prevention mechanism and the return of refugees and IDP (Internally Displaced Persons).

The Government of Japan has supported consistently a peaceful resolution of this issue based on the principle of territorial integrity in accordance with international law. It also continues to expect that the issues concern South Ossetia and Abkhazia will be solved in a manner that can be accepted by the international community through such international discussions."

SCHIEFFER